

AG Diary (Extract from)

December 9, 1930 - Tuesday (London)

Dr. Crichton Miller of Tavistock Square Clinic - General review and discussion.
and J.N. Rees.

I pointed out different forms of aid which RF has used: capital, five year trial with possibility of capitalization, tapering, etc. Told them it was for them to judge what is best to ask for. Good impression of both men whom I shall see again. Got a good deal of information on ideas and orientation of group at Tavistock Square. Said we would be interested especially in the effect upon training of Psychiatrists. The connection with London Univ. likely to be better than I had thought, and the eventual site near University College.

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December 11, 1930 - Thursday

Tavistock Square. Went there. Looked over building which is a dwelling house severely over-crowded. Records fairly good and obviously improving. Miss Poole, the secretary. Miss Robinson in charge of Children's Dept. Patients coming from a wide area 300 on waiting list. Initial examination strongly emphasizes knowledge of physical condition. Atmosphere harmonious business-like and unpretentious. Most of the work on adults is through physical repair, rest and thorough talks with members of clinical staff. Piercen especially interested in research problems on children.

Later to proposed new quarters nearby and next to St. Pancras Church in excellent new building, where Miss Payne already has two rooms. She showed me proposed quarters. One floor about 5500 sq. feet at £2000 a year, and part of another at £600 which with light and heat would come to about £4,500.- Calculates good working budget in these rented quarters at £14,000 a year. Thinks LCC will give 2000-2500 and gifts from private donors £3500 and £500 from patients, leaving £8000 to be found. Told her I thought it best for her own interest not to mention RF the prospective donors. No action likely before April. She is getting an option on property now.

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December 15, 1930 - Monday (London)

Crichton Miller.

Dinner with M. at the Athanaeum Club. I laid emphasis upon the intensive quality of work that might be done at Tavistock Square rather than the extension of the present type of service given to patients. Miller is an intelligent and reflective man laying perhaps too much emphasis upon the importance of convincing the practitioners of general medicine of the value of psychological factors in the treatment of patients. This I take to be the real objective of the Tavistock Square Clinic rather than the acquisition of new facts in psychological medicine.